

Onslow County Natural Area Inventory Site Report

WESTERN CAMP LEJEUNE MACROSITE

Western Camp Lejeune Macrosite is located in western Onslow County, in the Great Sandy Run Area north of Holly Ridge. It is approximately bounded by Padgett and Haws Run roads on the northwest, Dawson Cabin and High Hill roads on the northeast, highway US 17 on the east and southeast, and highway NC 50 on the west. It is primarily comprised of two large pocosin features and adjacent sand ridges and low upland terraces, and supports wet longleaf pine and pocosin natural communities. The biological features in this macrosite are ranked as regionally significant, and the area is a critical linking component between the nationally significant Camp Lejeune Center Macrosite, Maple Hill Savannas Macrosite, and the Holly Shelter Game Land Macrosite in Pender County.

Three standard sites are nested within the Western Camp Lejeune Macrosite (see Table 1). Areas within the macrosite not included within a standard site have been determined to be of lesser significance, but important to the overall integrity of the area, such as by providing corridors for animal populations and insuring the integrity of standard sites.